



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Renewal of Hazardous Waste Post-Closure Permit Proposed for West County Landfill, Incorporated Richmond, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 23, 2009 through **March 11, 2009**

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Hazardous Waste Post-Closure Permit Renewal (Permit) for the West County Landfill (WCL) located at One Parr Boulevard. The approval of this Permit will allow the facility authority to continue its operation, monitoring, and maintenance of specified permitted units. The current Post-Closure Permit for WCL was issued July 9, 2003, and there are no physical changes proposed for this Permit renewal.

DTSC'S ROLE IN PERMITTING: DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste in California. A permit enables DTSC to effectively regulate the hazardous waste management activities at facilities. Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review, and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – NOTICE OF EXEMPTION: DTSC evaluated any possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed activities of WCL as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption which states that the Hazardous Waste Facility would not have significant impacts to human health and the environment. The findings are available for review, along with other supporting documents in the information repositories.

WHY THIS NOTICE? The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the Draft Permit and to provide comments to DTSC within forty-five (45) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft Permit may be submitted in writing to Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826 or e-mail Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov. All mailed comments must be received by March 11, 2009. E-mailed comments must be received on the same date.

On **Tuesday February 24, 2009**, DTSC will conduct a **Public Meeting/Hearing** at 6:30 PM at the Community Senior Citizen Center of North Richmond, 1708 5th Street, Richmond, 94801, (510) 232-3511. The public meeting and hearing is to explain the Draft Permit, address your questions, and accept your verbal and written comments.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? Copies of the Draft Permit and CEQA Notice of Exemption are available for review in the Information Repositories located at the **Richmond Public Library**, Main Branch, 325 Civic Center Plaza in Richmond and Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, 95826.

CONTACTS: If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3602 or by e-mail to Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities or information in Spanish, please contact Jesus Cruz, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at 1(866) 495-5651 or Jcruz@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media, please contact Claudia Loomis, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 255-6578 or by e-mail to Cloomis@dtsc.ca.gov.